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Attorney Docket No.	479-P-007B
First Inventor	HOWARD COHEN
Title	Improved Artificial Disc Spinal Surgical Prosthesis
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 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
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 - Claim(s)
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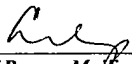
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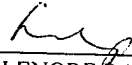
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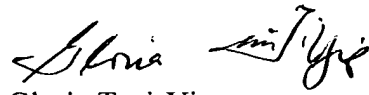
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